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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 13768.143.1

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
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                        Bilal Alam, et al. )  
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Conf. No.:           9663                              )  
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For:                 METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PREVENTING )  
                        SOCKET FLOODING DURING DENIAL OF      )  
                        SERVICE ATTACKS                      )  
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Examiner:           Lashonda T. Jacobs              )  
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Customer No.:       022913                            )

**AMENDMENT "B"**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 30, 2003 (paper no. 7), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**